

Sterling's historical sites for fifth graders studying American History, the installation of interpretive signs at eight historical sites in town, and the production of a video documentary of these sites. Copies of the video have been donated to the Sterling Education Association, Houghton and Chocksett Schools, Conant Public Library, Clinton Continental Cablevision, the Sterling Historical Commission, and other community groups.

Martha Douty of Worcester developed an activity program called Creative Arts for Autistic Children for her Gold Award final project. Working with the students and staff at the New England Center for Children, she established and conducted a weekly interactive program for the residents which the center plans to continue.

Gold Award recipient Margaret Felis of Worcester organized and founded a local chapter of the Maids of Athena, a social and community service organization for girls of Hellenic descent. The Saint Spyridon Cathedral-based group works to assist the Orthodox Food Pantry and to support the needy within the Greek-American community in central Massachusetts. The group plans to expand their service project to include the wider Worcester community.

For her Gold Award final project, Katherine Hebert of Holden designed a training program to revitalize the outdoor skills of older girls, who then became mentors to younger girls. She designed and managed an event where girls between 5 and 17 years of age learned outdoor skills together, increased their ability to live comfortably in the out-of-doors, and experienced the program possibilities of a local conservation area.

Patricia Anne Owens of Holden chose to address the needs of the Holden Recreation Department for nature education resources at Trout Brook Park for her Gold Award project. She collected, cataloged, and presented to the department a wide range of resources that will be used as program ideas and aids for groups using the Trout Brook facility. Among the materials she helped to have donated are a microscope, ponding equipment, nature guides, and other hands-on equipment and materials.

The Montachusett Girl Scout Council serves over 10,000 girl members from the age of 5 through 17 and 2,600 adult members in 61 cities and towns in central Massachusetts. They are a member agency of the United Way.

TRIBUTE TO INDIANA LT. GOV.
JOSEPH E. KERNAN

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a brief moment to share my pride and admiration for our Indiana Lt. Governor, Joe Kernan. Today, May 7, marks the 25th anniversary of when Joe Kernan was shot down by the enemy over North Vietnam and held prisoner of war for the succeeding 11 months.

Joe Kernan, a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, had never set foot in Vietnam until he was shot down by the enemy while serving as a Naval flight officer in the Vietnam war. He was repatriated in 1973 and continued on ac-

tive duty with the Navy until December 1974. The Combat Action Ribbon, two Purple Heart medals, and the Distinguished Flying Cross are among the military awards that the Lieutenant Governor has received.

Joe Kernan was elected to the office of mayor of South Bend in 1987. He served as the city's mayor for 9 years, longer than any other mayor in South Bend's history. In 1996, he and Governor Frank O'Bannon were elected to the top two positions in Indiana government. Joe and his wife, Maggie, have a home in South Bend.

Twenty-five years today, May 7, 1972, the life of Joe Kernan was turned upside down. He was flying over Vietnam at 4,500 feet, conducting bomb damage assessment, when his plane was hit with anti-aircraft fire.

Lest we forget the courageousness and dedication of our Vietnam veterans on behalf of all of us. Lest we forget in the words of Joe Kernan, " * * * hope and faith played an important role."

And in recalling the prose of the poet, "Joe Kernan exemplifies the true meaning of the land of the free, and home of the brave."

CONGRATULATIONS TO MY GOOD
FRIEND SAMMY DAVIS, AN
AMERICAN HERO

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my good friend, Sammy Davis, an American hero and a proud citizen of Robinson, IL.

On May 9, 1997, a new Federal building in St. Louis will be named after Sammy Davis. Let me tell you about this brave man. He is a local Congressional Medal of Honor winner. He was awarded this prestigious award after fighting off a Viet Cong attack and rescuing three wounded men west of Cai Lay, in South Vietnam on November 18, 1967. Sammy, a private first class in the Army, served as a cannoneer with Battery C, Second Battalion, Fourth Artillery, Ninth Infantry Division at a remote fire support base. Around 2 a.m., the base was under heavy attack by the Viet Cong. Sammy, just newly turned 21, provided cover for a gun crew trying to direct artillery fire on the enemy. But their howitzer was directly hit, throwing him into a foxhole. Rather than heeding warnings to take cover Sammy bravely ran back to the howitzer, which was on fire, loaded and fired it. The recoil knocked him off his feet, but he valiantly climbed back on under heavy fire. He was injured when a motor round exploded just a few yards away, however, he again loaded the howitzer and fired four more times.

Even though Sammy was injured and unable to swim, he used an air mattress and a machine gun to rescue three wounded soldiers on the opposite bank and fired his gun into the dense vegetation to prevent the Viet Cong from advancing. During this intense battle Sammy kept firing away and protected the two soldiers remaining. Because of his courageous effort there were only casualties, no deaths. Sammy refused to be medically treated and jumped on another howitzer, continued firing, breaking off the Viet Cong attack, enabling him to escape with his life.

Not long after this battle Sammy was medically discharged and returned to the Indianapolis-Mooresville, IN area, where some of his family resided. While Sammy was in Vietnam his family moved to Robinson, IL. He then met his wife, Peggy Martin, and they have raised three children, two sons, Beau and Blue, who attend Lincoln Trail College and Vincennes University, and a daughter, Nicole Newkirk. Sammy is also blessed with a 21-month-old granddaughter, Stevie Raye, who is very much the "light" of his life.

Mr. Chairman, the Medal of Honor is the highest award given for the heroic deeds Sammy dared to accomplish in his youth, and it is a great pleasure for me to celebrate the dedication of the Federal building to Sammy Davis for his outstanding service to the U.S. Army. It is due to people like Sammy, who put their lives on the line to save others, that have truly made the United States the symbol of freedom worldwide. I am sure Sammy does not see himself as a hero and felt he was just doing his duty, but he is a hero in my eyes, and in the eyes of his family and the community of Robinson, IL.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WOODROW
CARTER: ALABAMA'S SMALL
BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished businessman and outstanding citizen of my congressional district, Mr. William Woodrow Carter of Brundidge, AL. Mr. Carter has been honored as Alabama Small Business Person of the Year for 1997 by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Woodrow Carter is one of 53 honorees selected from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands and Guam based on criteria stability, financial strength, leadership resulting in business growth, ability to overcome adversity, response to changes in the market, and community and business citizenship.

Woodrow, together with his brother Charlie, founded Carter Brothers in 1936 with 10 employees. Today, his business has grown to employ 200 people and has diversified from the production of agricultural equipment to lawn mowers and garden equipment to go-karts. But that's not the real award winning story.

After Woodrow's business suffered extensive damage in a 1989 tornado, he didn't choose to close it down, but rather enlisted the support of his family and employees to rebuild. Remarkably, portions of his business were up and running within a few days.

Today, Carter Brothers Manufacturing of Brundidge is an example of a prosperous, ever adaptive small business, which continues to provide quality to the customer and solid employment to the community. This is quite a feat when you consider the financial, market and government-driven obstacles which often block small business development.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to congratulate my constituent, Mr. William Woodrow Carter for